



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

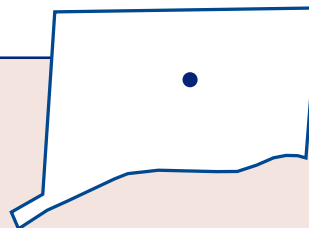
*Middlesex Community College,
Central Connecticut*

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. The job training grants provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to prepare them for employment in the assessment and cleanup of brownfields sites. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Middlesex Community College was selected to receive a job training grant. Middlesex Community College will serve nine Central Connecticut municipalities: Middletown, Haddam, New Britain, Wallingford, Portland, Southington, Cromwell, Cheshire, and Meriden. Haddam and Middletown currently have EPA-funded Brownfields Pilots. However, brownfields and other environmental concerns exist in each of these Connecticut municipalities. These communities have a collective population of 312,252. Three of the



Job Training Grant

**New
2003**

\$200,000

EPA has selected the Middlesex Community College for a brownfields job training grant. Middlesex Community College plans to train 50 students, achieve an 82% placement rate, and track graduates for 18 months after job placement. The 157-hour training program consists of hazardous materials handling, emergency response procedures, and lead and asbestos awareness. The target participants will be underemployed or unemployed residents of nine Central Connecticut communities. Placement in environmental jobs will be accomplished through the Community College's existing relationships with the many technical employers in the area.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Middlesex Community College also received funding for job training grants.

communities are state-designated Enterprise Zones, and most of the communities have long histories of manufacturing activity. Surveys of area environmental employers have been conducted to develop a training course that fulfills entry-level employment needs of potential employers.